

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIFTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE.

HOUSE.

No. 102.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-TWO.

AN ACT relating to recognizances in criminal cases.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows :

SECTION 1. The supreme judicial court in session in
2 each county, shall appoint from the number of justices
3 of the peace and quorum for that county, one or more
4 commissioners, whose duties and powers shall be as
5 prescribed in the following section, and who shall hold
6 office at the pleasure of the court.

SECT. 2. When a person is confined in jail for a
2 bailable offence or for not finding sureties in a recog-
3 nizance, any commissioner appointed under this act,
4 on application, may inquire into the case and admit
5 any such person to bail, and exercise the same power
6 as any justice of the supreme judicial court can, and

7 may issue a writ of habeas corpus and cause such
8 person to be brought before them for this purpose, and
9 may take such recognizance.

SECT. 3. Section thirty-four of chapter ninety-nine
2 of the revised statutes is hereby repealed, but such
3 repeal shall not take effect in any county until a com-
4 missioner or commissioners have been appointed under
5 this act.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
February 19, 1872. }

Reported from the Committee on the Judiciary, by Mr. HUM-
PHREY of Bangor, and ordered to be printed under the Rules.

S. J. CHADBOURNE, *Clerk.*